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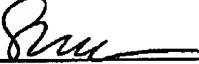
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Response to Notice of Non-compliant Amendment

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (hereinafter "Notice") mailed on March 22, 2005, Applicants hereby submit a timely response since the allegedly non-compliant amendment was in response to a non-final action.

Applicants hereby assert that the Notice was issued in error. Specifically, the Examiner's objection to the disclosure at page 19, line 1 for the misspelling of "cytochrome" is improper since the substitute specification filed January 9, 2003 containing the spelling error was never entered (see page 2 of the office action issued August 9, 2004), and therefore the spelling error of "cytochrome" was never entered, and was never actually a part of the specification.

More importantly, this spelling error did not exist in the original specification (see page 23, line 25 of the originally filed specification), i.e. "cytochrome" was spelled correctly. The substitute specification filed November 23, 2004 properly shows corrections

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made relative to this original specification, hence the correction of the spelling error is properly NOT reflected.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request entry of the substitute specification and amendments previously submitted on November 23, 2004. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully request consideration of these amendments and arguments filed on November 23, 2004.